

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 9, 11, 15, and 19 and cancel claims 4, 8, 10, 14, 18, and 20, as follows.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a pixel electrode at a pixel area between a gate line and a data line;
a switching device at an intersection between the gate line and the data line, the switching device comprising a light-shielding member overlapping the switching device and extending from an end at the pixel electrode side of a metal thin film provided within the switching device into the pixel area, the light shielding member covering and extending past all sides of the metal thin film with a margin sufficient to block light incident on the metal thin film, wherein the switching device is a thin film transistor at the intersection between the gate line and the data line for driving the pixel electrode, and wherein the metal thin film of the switching device is a drain electrode connected to the pixel electrode.

Claim 2 (Original): The liquid crystal display device of claim 1, wherein the light-shielding member is at a front substrate opposed to a rear substrate, the rear substrate including the switching device and the pixel electrode.

Claim 3 (Original): The liquid crystal display device of claim 2, wherein the light-shielding member is a black matrix.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a pixel electrode at a pixel area between a gate line and a data line;
a charging device on the gate line, the charging device comprising[[:] a metal thin film,
wherein the charging device is a storage capacitor including: an upper electrode formed with the
gate line; and a dielectric layer between the upper electrode and the gate line, wherein the metal
thin film serves as the upper electrode;
a light-shielding member overlapping the charging device and extending from an end at
the pixel electrode side of the metal thin film into the pixel area with a margin sufficient to block
light incident on the metal thin film.

Claim 6 (Original): The liquid crystal display device of claim 5, wherein the light-
shielding member is formed at a front substrate opposed to a rear substrate that includes the
charging device and the pixel electrode.

Claim 7 (Original): The liquid crystal display device of claim 6, wherein the light-
shielding member is a black matrix.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a pixel electrode at a pixel area between a gate line and a data line;

a thin film transistor at an intersection between the gate line and the data line and

including a first metal thin film, wherein the first metal thin film is a drain electrode connected to the pixel electrode;

a storage capacitor on the gate line and including a second metal thin film, wherein the second metal thin film is an upper electrode over the gate line and a dielectric layer;

a black matrix at a boundary portion between pixel areas;

a first dummy black matrix connected to the black matrix and extending from an end at the pixel electrode side of the first metal thin film into the pixel area with a margin sufficient to block light incident on the first metal thin film; and

a second dummy black matrix connected to the black matrix and extending from an end at the pixel electrode side of the second metal thin film into the pixel area with a margin sufficient to block light incident on the second metal thin film.

Claim 10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device comprising the steps of:

forming a pixel electrode at a pixel area between a gate line and a data line;

forming a switching device including a metal thin film at an intersection between the gate line and the data line, wherein the switching device is a thin film transistor at the intersection between the gate line and the data line for driving the pixel electrode; and wherein the metal thin film of the switching device is a drain electrode connected to the pixel electrode; and

forming a light-shielding member for blocking light incident on the metal thin film to overlap with the switching device, the light-shielding member extending from an end at the pixel electrode side of a metal thin film of the switching device into the pixel area, the light shielding member covering and extending past all sides of the metal thin film with a margin sufficient to block the light incident on the metal thin film.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of claim 11, wherein the switching device and the pixel electrode are formed on a rear substrate; and

wherein the light-shielding member is formed on a front substrate opposed to the rear substrate, with a liquid crystal layer therebetween.

Claim 13 (Original): The method of claim 12, wherein the light-shielding member is a black matrix.

Claim 14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device comprising the steps of:

forming a pixel electrode at a pixel area between a gate line and a data line;
forming a charging device including a first metal thin film on the gate line, wherein the first metal thin film is an upper electrode over the gate line and a dielectric layer; and
forming a light-shielding member for blocking light incident on the metal thin film to overlap the metal thin film, the light-shielding member extending from an end at the pixel electrode side of the first metal thin film into the pixel area with a margin sufficient to block the light incident on the metal thin film.

Claim 16 (Original): The method of claim 15, wherein the charging device and the pixel electrode are formed at a rear substrate; and
wherein the light-shielding member is formed at a front substrate opposed to the rear substrate with a liquid crystal layer therebetween.

Claim 17 (Original): The method of claim 16, wherein the light-shielding member is a black matrix.

Claim 18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device comprising the steps of:

forming a pixel electrode at a pixel area between a gate line and a data line on a rear substrate;

forming a thin film transistor including a first metal thin film at an intersection between the gate line and the data line on the rear substrate, wherein the metal thin film of the thin film transistor is a drain electrode connected to the pixel electrode;

forming a storage capacitor including a second metal thin film on the rear substrate and overlapping the gate line, wherein the second metal thin film is an upper electrode over the gate line and a dielectric layer;

forming a black matrix on a front substrate opposed to the rear substrate at a boundary portion between pixel areas;

forming a first dummy black matrix extending from an end at the pixel electrode side of the first metal thin film into the pixel area on the front substrate with a margin sufficient to block light incident on the first metal thin film; and

forming a second dummy black matrix extending from an end at the pixel electrode side of the second metal thin film into the pixel area on the front substrate with a margin sufficient to block light incident on the second thin film.

Claim 20 (Canceled)

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Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1,
wherein the light-shielding member is formed with an organic material containing a black
pigment.